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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON

GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL

FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER FROM SISCO

1. PER OUR TELCON, I HAVE TALKED TO SECRETARY AND HE
AGREES TO YOUR PROPOSAL THAT YOU RETURN TO WASHINGTON
WEDNESDAY. TO AVOID SPECULATION THAT WE ARE DOWNGRADING
GENEVA CONFERENCE, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO VINOGRADOV
AND OTHERS THAT YOU ARE COMING BACK FOR CONSULTATIONS
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AND FOR PANAMA TRIP, AND THAT WE ARE KEEPING ONE MEMBER

OF DELEGATION AVAILABLE IN GENEVA. WE PLAN NO PRESS STATEMENT BUT WILL RESPOND TO QUERIES ALONG FOREGOING LINE.

2. IF YOU AGREE, WE BELIEVE OAKLEY SHOULD PROCEED TO GENEVA FOR A BRIEF OVERLAP WITH SMITH WHO WOULD THEN RETURN TO POST AT TEL AVIV. OUR THINKING IS THAT OAKLEY AND SMITH CAN ALTERNATE EVERY COUPLE OF WEEKS IN GENEVA AND YOU CAN PUT IN APPEARANCE PERIODICALLY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY OF REPRESENTATION DURING PRESENT SLOW PERIOD IN CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES.

3. FOR BEIRUT: ORDERS FOR OAKLEY FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

4. FOR MEPC DEL: GENEVA 504 CONTAINING SUGGESTED PRESS LINE RECEIVED AFTER FOREGOING DRAFTED. WE PREFER TO STICK TO BAREBONES GUIDANCE OUTLINED ABOVE. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT COMMENTS ABOUT "COMING PHASE OF CONFERENCE" COULD AROUSE UNDUE EXPECTATIONS AND SPECULATION AT THIS STAGE. OUR PRESS SPOKESMAN CAN AUGMENT HERE IF NECESSARY. KISSINGER

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